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11 inches	6.00	10.25	15.00	18.62	21.75	24.87	28.00	31.12	34.25	37.37	40.50	43.62
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Friday, July 13, 1900.

DEMOCRATIC TICKET, 1900.

FOR PRESIDENT:

WILLIAM J. BRYAN,
OF NEBRASKA.

FOR VICE-PRESIDENT:

ADLAI E. STEVENSON,
OF ILLINOIS.

OUR NOMINEES.

Just as we were going to press last week the wires told us that the National Democratic Convention at Kansas City, Missouri, was about to stampede for David B. Hill as the vice-presidential candidate. We are told that Mr. Bryan, at his Nebraska home, was kept fully informed as to matters in the Convention City, and that he at once sent word that he did not want Hill. This would not have prevented the nomination of the great New Yorker had Mr. Hill not nipped the movement in the bud. Unlike Teddy Roosevelt his "no" meant no. Uncontrolled enthusiasm held sway for awhile, and it was with the utmost exertion upon the part of Hill and his friends that the tumult was quelled and the Convention again got down to business. When it did nominations for the second place on the ticket were proceeded with. The first ballot gave Adlai E. Stevenson, of Illinois, the honor by a large majority.

We have heard of Mr. Stevenson before. He is the only Democrat living who was a vice-President. His administration of the duties of that office will be recalled as one of the finest in our political history. When Mr. Cleveland had drifted away from the organized party—or had driven the party from him—his mate, vice-President Stevenson stood like a Gibraltar for the integrity and continued supremacy of the party and its organization. His strong hand was felt and he was the only high official—that held out to the end—who kept the party spirits at all buoyant.

We preferred Hill as the nominee, because we think it necessary to carry New York to achieve Democratic success in next November, and Hill was the logical eastern candidate. But we are as well satisfied now that it is Stevenson, because he is a tower of strength all over the Union and he has an untarnished record. Reflection on the situation leads Democrats with one accord to feel that Bryan and Stevenson is the strongest ticket that could have been put up.

THE PLATFORM.

The CITIZEN is very much disappointed that the question of silver coinage at the ratio of 16 to 1 was specifically demanded in the Kansas City platform. We take it, however, with the best grace, knowing as well as we do that he who expects everything that he asks for in politics will languish of a disappointed life. It is hardly necessary to say that our desires on this line were based purely upon a view to party policy. As we have time and again stated, we believe that the party would have had an easier fight and a successful issue out of it all. That is still our opinion; but the delegates at Kansas City—or, rather, Mr. W. J. Bryan—thought otherwise, and their judgment in the matter should and will be accepted as the best.

The remainder of the platform is all that Democrats, without exception, can desire. It is a heroic document, because it fearlessly attacks the giant evils which are threatening and already engulfing our Republic. There is no temporizing with existing evils and no palliating the crimes of those high in the councils of any party; no placating the arrogant and controlling money power or making concessions to vote controlling monopolists. It is a document that wars before it strikes and then strikes for keeps. No man of mind can halt and stand with one foot upon it, hesitating what to do next; he must stand squarely upon it and take it all or leave it alone. There is no halting now between two opinions. The Republican platform may offer some of the same results but all have learned that that document was never made to abide by. In the great contrast between the two there

can be no hesitating. The platform of two parties never differed more widely and upon as many vital issues. With these before the voters of the country there is no room for a third.

It is rather strange reading, that of an Idaho delegate and his wife, on their way to the National Educational Association in Charleston, S. C., who drove through snow and were overcast on their way to the train out in Idaho. And this, too, during Fourth of July week, when even the ice-man was gasping for breath down here.

That was a magnanimous act in Charles A. Towne refusing to be a Vice-Presidential candidate against Stevenson either on the Silver Republican or Populist tickets. No Tom Watson in his. The Democratic nominees will, in consequence, receive the united support of three distinct parties in the coming contest.

A COMMITTEE has been investigating the whiskey trust and found "nothing in it" to reflect on the officials' integrity. No wonder, for after "it" was emptied and the committee finished its labors it could not distinguish "official integrity" from a sick cat.

It is announced that the good ship Oregon, which struck a Chinese reef, will be laid upon a Japanese dry-dock for three months to undergo repairs. It is grievous to contemplate what may happen over there while her trusty guns are spiked.

NEWSPAPER readers throughout the State will grieve to learn that Col. Chas. O'E. Cowardin, President of the Richmond Dispatch, is dead. His name has been familiar wherever the Old Dominion's sons are known or her enterprises are advertised.

GEORGE B. COX has broken the Ohio record for tenacity by withdrawing from the Republican National Committee. Lightning will strike in the "Buckeye State" before summer is over, but hardly Presidential lightning.

THE Cape Charles Headlight has entered upon its fourth year. The CITIZEN tenders congratulations and wishes it the success which it justly merits.

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

Mr. W. D. Chesterman, an editor of the Richmond Dispatch, is talked of as a candidate for the Constitutional Convention from Richmond.

The Charlottesville Progress expresses the belief, or at least the suspicion, that jockeying is going on, which, if successful, will disappoint the expectations of the people with respect to the convention. We do not "know" what the Progress means. We can only "guess" that it refers to a rumor which is current that a combination will be formed to have the convention confined to its work to the franchise question and adjourn quickly.—Richmond Times.

GET COMPETENT DELEGATES.

(Richmond Dispatch.)

One of the dangers to be guarded against in selecting members of the convention is that of having too many lawyers—men learned in their profession, no doubt, but deficient in breadth and too much the slave of precedent and practice. There should be some lawyers in that body, of course. We favor a large percentage of lawyers; but it would be a misfortune for the convention to be dominated by them.

A member of this convention should be chosen not because he is a lawyer or a doctor, or a merchant, or a labor unionist, but because he is honest and capable, and will prove to be the right man in the right place.—The Petersburg Index-Appel.

Correct. Let the man chosen be chosen because of his fitness for the work to be done, no matter what may be his business or vocation. We hope to see in the convention a score or more of our greatest lawyers; but there are other questions than those of law to be decided; there is need that all the interests of this Commonwealth should be represented. We urge the people always to hold to lofty ideals, and to reach that pure, abstruse and most disinterested men whose services they can command.

And where a county or city has not within its borders quite the number of men it requires, let it go to another community for him. That was done on the occasion of some former Virginia conventions and with good results.

MUST WALK A CHALK LINE.

The Index-Appel is not opposed to lawyers as members of the constitutional convention, and any such inference does this paper injustice. It believes that lawyers are not only necessary, but indispensable, to the success of the convention, and it wants to see some of the best lawyers of the State in that body, and no others. It does not want to see the convention controlled by that class of lawyers who find contentment and profit in the present judiciary system of the State, and who will thwart the efforts of big lawyers like Daniel Hughes, Withers, and others to improve it. As far as practicable, we want all classes of interests represented fairly and undue predominance given to none.—Petersburg Index-Appel.

Twenty-three large tanks of oil exploded in New York Harbor last week and in a short while there were 500 acres of blazing oil.

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, July 9th, 1900.

Imperialism has received a blow from an unexpected quarter. When the administration began to order troops sent from the Philippines to China, Gen. MacArthur promptly filed a protest, saying that if the troops were taken away from the Philippines the Filipino revolt would at once be renewed. Secretary Root telegraphed for Gen. O'Day to come to Washington at once. He came and declared that MacArthur was right, and after a two-day conference, Secretary Root announced that no more troops would be sent from the Philippines to China.

The plain meaning of this is that it is necessary to keep the big army we now have in the Philippines, permanently there in order to maintain our authority over the Filipinos. That is a little more than the most rabid imperialists bargained for, and is certainly more than the people of this country will stand for. What possible benefit can we derive from the Philippines that will compensate us for the expense in money and American lives that will be necessary to keep an army of 50,000 soldiers over there? It seems that the world is about to witness the revival of the era of the mercenary invading army which was familiar to Europe a few centuries ago. The other great civilized governments, including our own, have hired an army of Japan to go to China and fight the Chinese, and after the Chinese are licked into humbles, they are to be made to pay back the money it will cost to lick them, with usurious interest. It is not considered honorable for an individual to hire professional thugs to obtain vicious revenge upon his personal enemies. What then makes such a thing honorable on the part of nations?

Hon. Adlai E. Stevenson is the only man ever nominated for vice-President who had previously demonstrated his fitness for the office by serving one term in that position. He is truly said to be a vice-President without a vice. True, Mr. Stevenson didn't have much influence with the President under whom he served, but nobody else had either. Mr. Cleveland was not a President to recognize influence, and he seemed to make a specialty of getting at outs with the leaders of the Democratic party. But during those four years Mr. Stevenson had and deserved the confidence of the Democrats in Congress, and lost no opportunity to push party interests that he could with propriety have taken advantage of. Adlai Stevenson is a whole-souled good fellow, a good Democrat, and in every respect a worthy running mate to Col. Bryan, and Bryan and Stevenson is a ticket to win with.

If getting the other fellows half scared to death be good politics, then the Kansas City Convention must be credited with much good politics, for the Republicans are a badly frightened lot. They figured on a big Democratic loss at Kansas City, but found that instead of a row, the regular Democrats, those who called themselves Good Democrats in 1896, the Silver Republicans and the populists are all enthusiastically supporting Bryan and Stevenson and the Kansas City platform. These elements, working harmoniously together, are believed, even by Republicans, to be strong enough to carry the country.

Reports of the atrocities committed by Prince Tuan upon the Chinese are appalling. He had 4,000 leading Chinese butchered, it is said, for merely daring to petition him to control the orgie of blood and restrain his followers.

With the foreigners in Pekin probably safe amid civil war with the powers united and their forces constantly increasing, the outlook in China is now rather more hopeful than it has been for a month past.

Advices from Chifu are that the fighting around Tientsin July 3rd and 4th was the hottest yet experienced. The British forces had 30 men killed. Chinese troops numbering 75,000 attacked the city from three sides. The defenders had 15,000 men. A Russian company of infantry was nearly wiped out, having 115 men killed and wounded. The Germans, too, lost heavily.

The allied force at Taku and Tien Tsin now consists of 18,000 men. The reinforcements under orders consist of 15,000 Japanese troops, 15,000 Germans, 13,000 Russians, 11,000 Americans, 10,000 British, 8,000 French and 3,800 Italians. The Japanese corps will be commanded by a Lieutenant-General, and so far as known he will be the ranking officer, entitled to command the entire force.

As a result of a thorough consideration orders were issued by the U. S. Government Saturday for the dispatch of 6,254 regular troops to the Philippines, with a view to their utilization in China in case it is found necessary to divert them to that country.

Northumberland Democrats.

On last Monday (courtday) at Healdville, pursuant to a call from the county committee, the Democrats of the county assembled and elected the following delegates to attend the First District Convention to be held in Fredericksburg on July 26th: A. S. Rice, C. Harding Walker, A. B. Garner, Dr. J. H. Booker, Wm. Blundon, A. V. Williams, Wm. Henderson, J. M. Palmer, J. B. Hinton and L. T. Smith. As S. Rice was chosen chairman and B. H. Blundon secretary of the meeting, Resolutions endorsing Hon. W. A. Jones were passed.

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KANSAS CITY CONVENTION.

Bryan and Stevenson.

The CITIZEN announced last week that David B. Hill, of New York, had been nominated for vice-President. This information was received by wire, and, although we were rather dubious about Hill's accepting the nomination on a 16 to 1 plank, we had no reason for not believing the message. Adlai E. Stevenson, of Illinois, was the man who carried off the honors for second place, but his nomination did not take place until Friday afternoon.

The Richmond Dispatch says: Mr. Stevenson smits us first rate. We should have preferred Hill had he not been "persona non grata" to Mr. Croker. As it was, Hill would not consent to the presentation of his name, though it was presented all the same. Towne, the Silver Republican, would not have staid at all. Stevenson can get more votes in New York State than any New York Democrat could. He will be acceptable to all factions, we believe.

Bryan is sanguine and says that the Republicans will not carry a single state.

Webster Davis, late Assistant Secretary of the Interior, has agreed to support the Democratic ticket.

The Resolutions Committee of the Democratic Convention decided for an explicit declaration for silver coinage at 16 to 1. The vote stood 26 to 24.

Among those making second speeches for Bryan were Hill, of New York; Daniel, of Virginia; David, of Hawaii; and Mrs. Cohen, a woman delegate.

The Virginia delegation chose the following representatives for the various committees: Chairman of Delegation—Judge C. M. White. Credentials—H. G. Buchanan. Permanent Organization—Judge J. F. West. Rules—J. E. Montague. Resolutions—Senator Jno. W. Daniel. Member National Committee—Peter J. O'Leary.

"All the Virginians who went to Kansas City," said Mr. Joseph Batton, of Virginia, who was an alternate at large to the convention, "came away highly pleased with the work done. We regard the ticket as the best that could have been named, and look upon the platform as exceptionally strong. I never before witnessed such a scene as greeted the reading of the plank on imperialism by Senator Tillman. The enthusiasm was grand, patriotic and inspiring. A spirit of conservatism was manifested throughout the proceedings of the convention and was emphasized in the disapproval of the present colonial policy of the administration. Men from every section of the country were of one mind as to imperialism being the paramount issue of the campaign. The utmost confidence was also everywhere expressed in the triumph of Democracy this year."

THE SOCIAL "JIM CROW" car law went into operation July 1st. The railroads report that white and black both respected it and each seemed to be well pleased with having separate cars to ride in.

A case has just been decided in the state supreme court coming up from the circuit court of King and Queen in which it sustains the action of the trustees of a white school in refusing to allow a colored boy to enter.

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Richmond County.

FARNHAM.

Miss Mary Lyell, of Baltimore, is visiting relatives in this vicinity.

Jas. L. Motley, K. R. Cralle and Robt. Lyell have been appointed delegates to represent Farnham Baptist church, in Richmond county, in the Rappahannock Association, which meets with Olivet church, King and Queen county, July 24th.

Squire R. H. Lyell, who has been quite feeble for many months, is confined to his bed most of the time, not being able to walk without assistance.

NEWLAND.

Mrs. Emma Weaver visited friends and relatives in Washington last week.

E. T. Hutchinson and J. R. Campbell have been appointed delegates to represent Welcome Grove Baptist church at the meeting of the Rappahannock Association to be held with Olivet Baptist church in King and Queen county the latter part of July.

Some of our citizens celebrated the Fourth at Tappahannock and a few at Colonial Beach.

There was a grand peeling feast at Mrs. Jennie Nash's on Thursday night.

Welcome Grove church has purchased a new library case and is now endeavoring to fill the same with religious literature.

Protracted meeting will begin at Rappahannock church the fifth Sunday in July.

There was an ice cream social at J. T. France's on Saturday night of last week, and one at M. J. Mothershead on Tuesday night of this week.

John H. Sanders and son, Macon, have returned from Baltimore.

R. L. Jones and J. T. France have improved the appearance of their surroundings by applications of white wash.

The wheat crops here this season were very good.

There will be Children's Day at Welcome Grove church on the afternoon of the 14th Sunday in July. The Sunday school will suspend during the month of August.

We notice that Miss Octavia McGinness, one of Stonewall's efficient teachers, was one of the three granted first grade certificates at the recent examination held in this county.

A. T. Jenkins, the popular merchant of this place, has a beautiful little lady boarder at his house, and she calls him papa.

Capt. James Bulger is in Norfolk this week.

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ENGLAND AND THE BOERS.

More About the Pig-Sticking Which the English are Engaged In.

While the news from China continues to completely overshadow events in South Africa, these have by no means ceased to be worthy of record. When it is understood that the last month's casualties, from June 5th to July 5th, amounted to 3,000 men, including 1,300 deaths, it will be realized that the latter stages of the war, though comparatively unheralded, have been terribly grim. The measure of the organized Boer resistance is evidently no criterion of what the cost will be to Great Britain in precious lives. Unless Lord Roberts is planning some move of which the news is carefully kept secret, it seems that there are still weary weeks of guerilla fighting ahead of the British forces.

An intertribal fight for the possession of Boer cattle between 1000 natives took place recently in the Transvaal.

At a clamoring match recently "Spider Willie" (colored) broke the record by devouring 85 clams.

A negro who was hanged this week at Quittman, Miss., had to be shot twice before the sheriff could take him from his cell.

A plot to assassinate President McKinley has just been unearthed. It was conceived by a group of Spanish and Cuban conspirators, with headquarters in New York.

The corner stone of Hill Bay Lodge, No. 84, I. O. O. F., Sandy Bottom, Middlesex county, was laid July 4th, 1900; ceremonies were performed by the brotherhood.

The King George county court has dismissed the case against the agent of the McCormick Harvesting Machine Company for selling on the court green without a license.

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